

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

[0040] Referring to ~~Figs. 1-7~~ Figs. 1 – 7, a cargo restraint system incorporating the principles of the instant invention can best be seen. An application of the cargo restraint system 10 can be seen in Fig. 1 in which the line 29 is threaded between the handles 13 of plastic grocery bags 12 to hold the grocery bags 12 in an upright orientation within the cargo area 15 of an automotive vehicle 14. Referring now to Figs. 2 and 3, the movable hook assembly 20 can best be seen. The movable hook assembly 20 is supported in a bezel 25 that is mounted in the wall 16 or the floor 17 of the cargo area 15, preferably recessed into the wall 16 or floor 17 so as to be substantially flush with the surface of the wall 16 or floor 17 with the cavity 26 of the bezel 25 being recessed into the wall 16 or floor 17.

[0044] The cooperative opposing part of the cargo restraint system 10 from the movable hook assembly 20 is the stationary hook assembly 30. As best seen in Figs. 4 and 5, the stationary hook assembly 30 is formed to have an appearance generally matching the appearance of the movable hook assembly 20. The stationary hook assembly 30 also includes a bezel 35 that is recessed into the wall 16 or floor 17 of the cargo area 15 of the automotive vehicle 14 so as to be substantially flush with the surface of the wall 16 or floor 17. The bezel 35 pivotally supports a closed hook member 32 that when pivoted within the bezel 35 extends outwardly from the bezel 35 for engagement with the open hook member 22. Preferably, the closed hook member 32 is formed with a actuator portion 23 portion 33 that can present a solid surface for engagement thereof, and an engagement portion 24 portion 34 that is formed with an opening

surrounded circumferentially by the closed hook member 32 to permit an appropriate engagement between the open hook member 22 and the closed hook member 32.

[0045] Preferably, the ~~pivot 26 pivot 36~~ supported by the bezel 35 is associated with a return spring (not shown) that biases the pivotal movement of the closed hook member 32 against the bezel 35 into a closed position. Upon depressing the actuator ~~portion 23 portion 33~~ into the bezel 35 for the pivotal extension of the closed hook portion 32 outwardly from the bezel 35, the actuator ~~portion 23 portion 33~~ retracts into the bezel 35 as the closed hook member 32 projects outwardly. As is best seen in Fig. 6, the open hook member 22 can be engaged with the closed hook member 32 to secure the two hook members 22, 32 together. Before such engagement of the hook members 22, 32, the open hook member 22 would have preferably been threaded through grocery bag handles 13 or around cargo in some manner as to position the line 29 to restraint movement of the cargo in the desired manner, as is depicted in Fig. 1.

[0047] In Figs. 8 and 9, the stationary hook assembly is configured as an oval, instead of being formed as a circular member as depicted in Figs. 4 and 5. The bezel 35 can have a dual compartment configuration, with respect to each of the embodiments of Figs. 4 and 5 and of Figs. 8 and 9, such that the actuator ~~portion 23 portion 33~~ is retracted into a deeper compartment 37 when depressed and pivoted about the pivot 36. Simultaneously, the closed hook member 32 projects outwardly away from the bezel 35 exposing the shallow compartment 38, as is depicted in phantom lines in Fig. 8.